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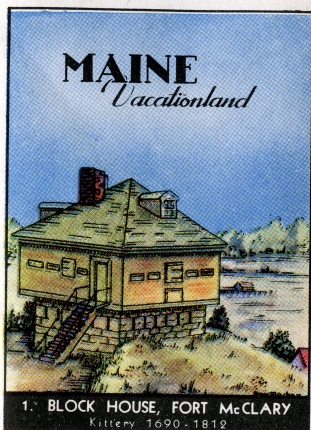


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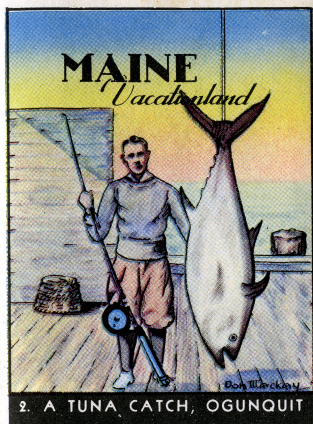
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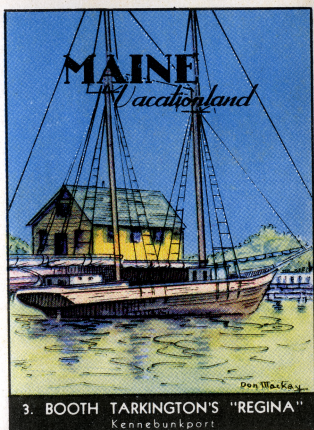
FORT McCLARY at KITTERY POINT in YORK COUNTY was built in 1690. It was first called Fort Pepperell, later Fort William, and finally, at the time of the American Revolution, its present name. A winding, forested road leads to Kittery Point — the earliest settled section of Kittery.

One of the most historic houses here is the PEPPERELL HOUSE, built about 1682 by the grandfather of the first Sir William Pepperell. In the town of Kittery itself is located the internationally-famous PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD. Summer visitors will find much of historic interest in and around Kittery. The MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU maintains an Information Bureau for the benefit of visitors entering the state at York Corner, just a few miles north of Kittery.



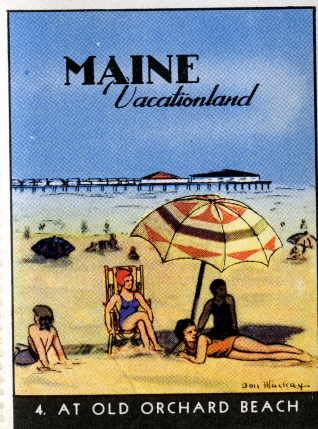
In southern Maine is located the charming seacoast town of OGUNQUIT, headquarters of the Maine Tuna Club, whose membership list is open to all rod and reel fishermen. Tuna fishing has become very popular now along the Southern Maine Coast. The town of OGUNQUIT, noted for many years as a beautifully-situated fishing village, now has a number of large and perfectly-appointed summer hotels and a nationally-known colony of artists and actors.

Ogunquit is the home of the MANHATTAN PLAYERS, who, each season, give a repertoire of Broadway successes, with distinguished visiting players augmenting the regular resident company. Near OGUNQUIT is Perkins Cove, where many artists have individually-decorated cottages grouped about the Art School. This settlement abounds with art and antique shops and has several gaily-decorated Chinese restaurants.



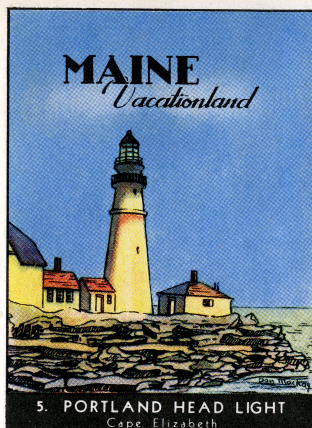
Much of the writing of the world-famous author Booth Tarkington has been done aboard his boat, the "Regina," which is tied up near the River Club. KENNEBUNKPORT, now a famous summer resort, was once one of Maine's chief ship-building centers. Many beautiful old houses are reminiscent of the days when occupants waited anxiously for the return of relatives at sea.

The WEDDING-CAKE HOUSE, passed en route to the village, is the only one of its kind in existence. Booth Tarkington and Kenneth Roberts have all-the-year-round homes at Kennebunkport, while other noted authors summer here. The GARRICK PLAYERS have an annual theatrical season, while a WATER CARNIVAL and various art exhibitions are other seasonal features of great interest to visitors.



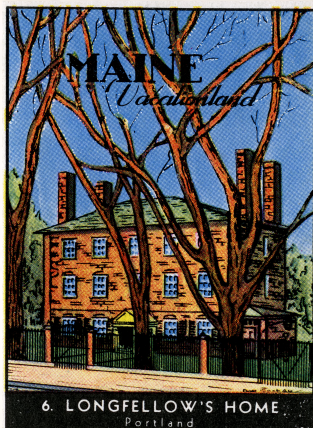
OLD ORCHARD BEACH, with one of the longest, safest and finest stretches of beach on the Atlantic coast, has been a popular summer resort for over a century. In 1840, it was officially dedicated to the resort business. Today, countless summer hotels, residences, cottages and camps crowd closely along the streets branching off from the compactly-built village. The PIER, a major attraction, is lined with souvenir shops, while at the ocean end, a dance hall features many of the country's leading dance bands.

There are fine golf courses at OLD ORCHARD, while Grand Circuit Racing is a feature of the season. This famous seaside resort is visited yearly by many thousands of summer visitors, including an ever-increasing number of Canadians, who look on it as a wonderful "playground by the sea."



Within the fortifications of Fort Williams at Cape Elizabeth, and near to the shore, stands PORTLAND HEADLIGHT. Built in 1701, this is the oldest lighthouse on the Atlantic Coast. Its first keeper, Joseph Greenleaf, was appointed by George Washington. From the hurricane deck, a magnificent view is obtained of CASCO BAY, with its hundreds of lovely, tree-shaded islands.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY has much to offer visitors. Only a few miles west, beautiful SEBAGO LAKE, over thirteen miles long, has more summer camps and cottages than any other lake in the State. HARRISON, at the end of LONG LAKE, is a famous summer musical center, while DEERTREES THEATRE, located here, is one of Maine's most interesting theatrical enterprises.



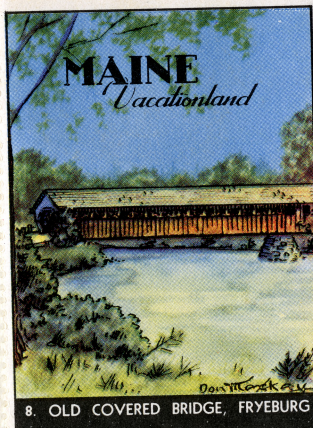
The WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW HOUSE, on Congress Street, Portland, was the childhood home of the loved poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The first brick house in PORTLAND, it was built by the poet's grandfather, General Peleg Wadsworth. Portland, Maine's largest and most important city, holds the economic and industrial key to a large territory. In Portland, visitors not only feel this economic pulse, but the social life of the State of Maine.

Among the interesting public buildings is the beautiful City Hall. In the rear, a Municipal Auditorium, seating 3,000 persons, houses the KOTZSCHMAR MEMORIAL ORGAN, one of the largest in the world. Portland is, indeed, a modern, highly cultural city, which, however, combines with the present much of the romance and tradition of other days.



At Hollis stands "QUILLCOTE," for many years the summer home of the famous writer, KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN. "Quillcote," a large two-and-a-half-story house, built about 1805, stands well back on a tree-shaded lawn, its gable end to the street. The old house still has many of Mrs. Wiggin's possessions in it.

Just south of "Quillcote" is INDIAN CELLAR, a large recess in the steep, rocky bank of the SACO RIVER, from which Indians attacked enemies passing along the river in canoes. Today, Indian Cellar is a favorite spot for picnic parties during the summer and autumn. At Indian Cellar, the Saco River, which enters the Atlantic Ocean at the important twin cities of Biddeford and Saco, is a turbulent, foaming torrent rushing along between almost sheer granite walls.



The OLD COVERED BRIDGE is a fast-disappearing New England landmark. Strongly built of hand-hewn timbers, this was once a familiar sight in Maine. FRYEBURG is the oldest town in OXFORD COUNTY and is considered to be one of the loveliest townships in all New England. Once an Indian settlement, called PEQUAWKET, it was visited by Captain John Smith in 1614.

Fryeburg has a noted Academy of learning, where, in 1802, Daniel Webster was Preceptor. In the winter months, Fryeburg becomes a widely-used winter sports area. OXFORD COUNTY has the only "notchlands" in the State. Opened a few years ago, EVANS NOTCH, which starts just beyond the town of Stow, offers the motorist a drive of great natural beauty under the shadow of Spectacle Mountain.



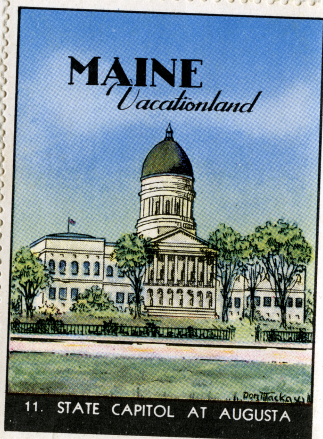
WINTER SPORTS are assuming major importance in the pattern of Maine's recreational outdoor life, both for the permanent resident and for the winter visitor. Skiing, especially, has shown an enormous increase in popularity during the past few years. There are a number of outstanding Ski Developments in the State, including that at PLEASANT MOUNTAIN, Bridgton, the SNOW BOWL at Camden, and the RUMFORD SKIING CENTER.

Snowshoeing, skating, tobogganing and dog-team racing are other winter sports on the increase, and hardly a winter week-end passes without its large group, at various places, indulging in some one of these healthful, fascinating winter pastimes. Every County in Maine has one or several skiing centers. There are countless practice slopes for the novice, while champions will find many slopes and ski jumps to test their skill.



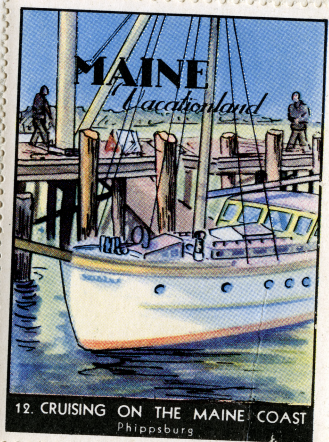
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, aside from the great industrial activities of its twin cities, LEWISTON and AUBURN, has a number of beautiful lakes which during the summer are ringed with many fine camps for boys and girls. In this County is located the famous POLAND SPRING settlement, where in 1796 Jabez Ricker opened the celebrated Mansion House now known from coast to coast.

Between this hotel and the larger, more pretentious Poland Spring House stands the State of Maine Building, first erected on the grounds of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and later purchased by the Ricker family and re-erected here. At North Bridge, separating Lewiston and Auburn, a spectacular view is obtained of Lewiston Falls and Dam. Here the ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER becomes a roaring, foaming torrent during the spring freshets.



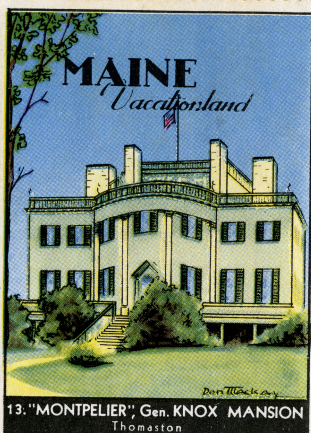
THE STATE HOUSE at AUGUSTA, in KENNEBEC COUNTY, provides for various State departments, House of Representatives and Senate, the Maine State Library and State Museum. Built of Hallowell granite, this fine building shows the strong architectural features of its designer, Charles Bullfinch. A State Park offers to visitors beautiful walks over more than a mile of paths. The lumber and paper industry, textile mills, publishing houses and shoe factories figure largely in the City's growth. Augusta has many beautiful homes in the residential section.

KENNEBEC COUNTY, through which flows the famous river of the same name, has many attractions to offer the summer guest, including the celebrated BELGRADE LAKES and Kennebec Lakes sections. This is splendid fishing and camping territory.



Cruising the MAINE COAST is a fascinating summer diversion, and nowhere, perhaps, will the voyager see more charming, picturesque country than near the old historic town of PHIPPSBURG in SAGadahoc COUNTY. Parker Head, in the township, was named for one of the pioneers who settled here about 1646. Just beyond this settlement there is a stretch of countryside alive with interest for the antiquarian — beautiful old houses, forts and crumbling fortifications.

Deep-sea fishing parties find wonderful sport in the coastal waters off here. The important seaport city of BATH has been a famous shipbuilding center for many years. The Bath Iron Works, founded by General Thomas Hyde after the Civil War, where many government vessels are built, is one of Bath's most important industries.



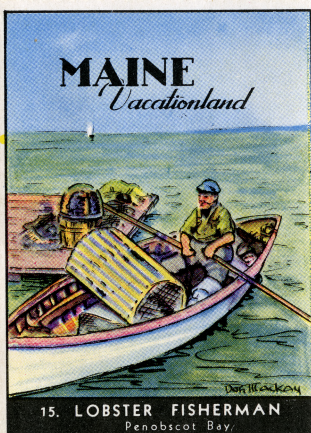
MONTPELIER, open to the public from June to November, is a reproduction of the house built in 1793 by GENERAL HENRY KNOX. The 18 rooms of this imposing mansion are furnished with antiques from the original house. The coastal city of THOMASTON, in KNOX COUNTY, is much favored by yachtsmen.

There are many fine seaside resorts in Knox County, including Rockland Breakwater, where one of Maine's many famous summer houses is located. There is a steamship service from ROCKLAND to many of the attractive islands that lie off the coast. ROCKLAND fronts on a fine harbor that the Indians called Catawamkeag — Great Landing Place. Knox County, with its lovely sea-coast and rolling, lake-spattered countryside, is extremely popular with summer visitors.



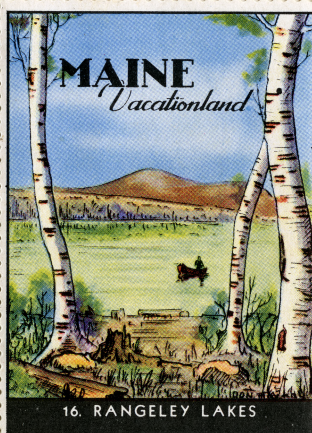
The annual YACHT REGATTA, usually held in August, is one of the outstanding events of the BOOTHBAY HARBOR summer season. This resort, in LINCOLN COUNTY, is one of the most famous on the Maine Coast. In addition to many summer residents, a number of celebrated American artists come here annually. Beautifully-kept houses line the quaint streets, and Main Street, sloping down to the wharves, is edged with little shops that thrive all summer.

The town is also noted for its many fine "eating places" that specialize in Down East shore dinners. Summer visitors will also be interested in the BOOTHBAY PLAYERS, who, during the season, present a repertoire of distinguished old and new plays. Deep-sea fishing and trips to Squirrel and Monhegan Islands are other delightful summertime diversions.



LOBSTER FISHING is one of PENOBSCOT BAY'S most important industries. This beautiful bay, into which the PENOBSCOT RIVER enters, has a number of interesting islands, including Islesboro, lying about six miles off shore from Belfast, in WALDO COUNTY. Belfast, a very popular tourist center and seat of Waldo County, has parallel streets that follow a rolling terrain, which rises in a majestic sweep from the banks of the Passagassawakeag and commands a sweeping view over the island-dotted bay.

The motorist in Waldo County will be delighted with the charming little towns and quaint fishing hamlets along the coast. Some of the flat land bordering the Penobscot River in Waldo County is where Captain Kidd is supposed to have buried some of his treasure, although, to date, none has ever been found!



The RANGELEY LAKES, in FRANKLIN COUNTY, lie deep in the heart of a superb forest region that stretches across the Canadian border. Within an estimated radius of ten miles, forty sparkling trout and salmon-filled lakes and ponds lie between rugged, tree-clad hills and mountains. This wilderness is a habitat of big game and other wild life. Rangeley township received its name from SQUIRE RANGELEY, an Englishman who came here in 1825. Today, Rangeley is a noted trading, fishing and recreational center.

There are many fine hotels, sporting camps and lodges in this beautiful region. A new highway opened in 1937 from Wilson's Mills to Oquossoc has made available virgin fishing waters and hunting country. In 1938 another new scenic road was opened from Houghton to the Rangeley Region.



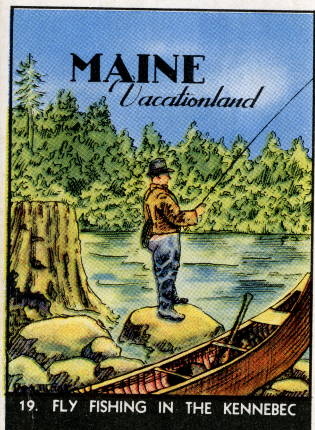
The MAINE WOODS, especially in PENOBSCOT COUNTY, offer the camper and sportsman a vast region, which, with its great natural beauty and recreational advantages, sets it apart as a veritable untouched paradise for fishing, hunting and camping. There is wonderful sport to be had during the hunting seasons, and deer, moose, fox, bear and countless other smaller game are constantly seen. There are many splendidly-equipped sporting camps which today are easily accessible.

To the man or woman who has never experienced the joy of these big woods, the health-giving tonic of this magnificent forest wilderness is strongly recommended. MILLINOCKET, in northern Penobscot County, is an important lumber center and also one of the gateways to the Katahdin country. This mountain offers a panoramic view worth traveling many miles to see.



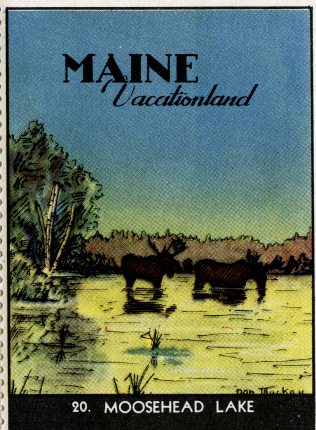
The route to ACADIA NATIONAL PARK in HANCOCK COUNTY, one of the most scenic in Maine, winds through the fashionable summer resorts of MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, dominated by CADILLAC MOUNTAIN. This is one of the most dramatically-beautiful spots extant. Here eighteen hills, locally called mountains, and twenty-six lakes and ponds cover a rocky, wooded island cut nearly in half by a fiord.

A circling highway, through Acadia Park, presents an awe-inspiring panorama of island-dotted waters and the rocky, broken mainland. Many wealthy and nationally-prominent families have magnificent summer homes at BAR HARBOR, helping to make it one of the world's most distinguished summer watering places. Acadia National Park maintains free, well-equipped camping facilities. On Mount Desert Island there are many fine hotels, cottages, stores and restaurants.



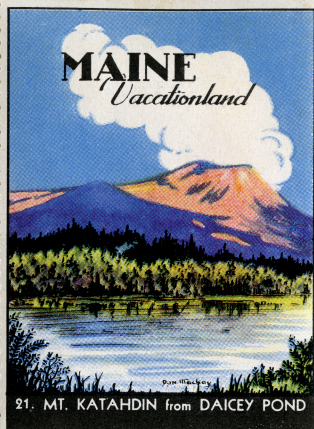
The KENNEBEC RIVER, which winds its way through SOMERSET COUNTY, is one of America's most historic rivers. In fact, various adventurers had made reports on it before 1600. In the early eighteenth century, the KENNEBEC saw a steady stream of traffic to and from various trading posts. Since then, the river has been the scene of continuous activity, of log drives, power development and, not least important, hunters and fishermen's treks into the wilderness country to the north.

Among the important civic centers on the river is SKOWHEGAN. Long before the first white man came to this region in 1771, Indians knew the island on which the city now stands and had taken fighting salmon from the waters below it. Near Skowhegan is LAKEWOOD, home of the famous summer theatre of the same name.



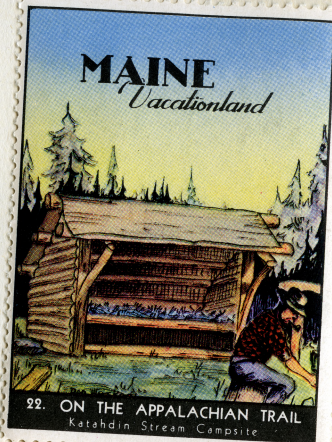
MOOSEHEAD LAKE, the largest body of fresh water in the United States entirely within the boundaries of one state, is the very center of Maine's chief sporting section. At MOOSEHEAD, the greater part of which lies within PISCATAQUIS COUNTY, fishermen catch salmon, togue, squaretailed trout and other game fish. The lake, surrounded by any number of fine sporting camps, with several famous hotels at GREENVILLE, reaches for forty miles due north.

It is twenty miles across at its widest point. With its over three hundred miles of wooded shores and deeply indented bays, MOOSEHEAD offers the angler and hunter every opportunity for wonderful sport. Spring fishing usually starts in early May, and fly fishing is supreme until mid-July, and again in September.



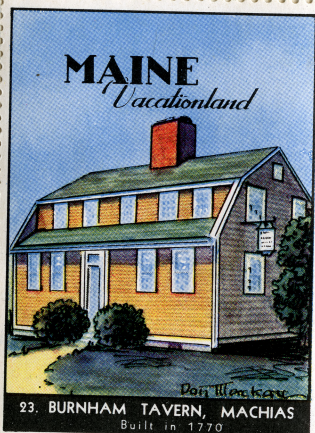
For many years, MT. KATAHDIN, with its sheer granite walls and glacial cirques, enclosing high-lying ponds, has been a mecca for those who love the "high hills." To reach the base today, one may take either the Great Northern Paper Company private road from Greenville, which requires a pass, or approach the mountain from MILLINOCKET.

At a junction in the latter routing, one may either drive to the Hunt Trail Campsite direct or go within an interesting and fascinating three-mile trek through the woods to Chimney Pond. There are several sporting camps on the road from GREENVILLE. On the right-hand side of this road, approaching the Hunt Trail and within two miles of the latter, an unmarked grave of an old-time lumberman (except for a rustic cross) receives reverence and attention from passing motorists.



At KATAHDIN STREAM CAMPSITE begins the famous HUNT TRAIL to the summit of MOUNT KATAHDIN — now called BAXTER PEAK. Due to its accessibility by automobile today, this is the most popular and widely-used trail. It leads into a district filled with the lore of the woods and Indian legends. Above timberline, the Hunt Trail affords spectacular views over the forest-rimmed bowl of BAXTER STATE PARK.

At Baxter Peak, a sign bears the legend "Terminus of the APPALACHIAN TRAIL," a mountain footpath 2,054 miles long to Mount Oglethorpe, Georgia. There are many conveniences at the base campsite, and campers may occupy the lean-tos provided free of charge. BAXTER STATE PARK contains about nine square miles, and was set aside for public use in 1931-33 by Percival P. Baxter, Governor of Maine, 1921-25.



The famous BURNHAM TAVERN at MACHIAS, in WASHINGTON COUNTY, known to thousands of summer guests, was built in 1770 by one Joe Burnham. Beneath each of the four cornerstones, the owner placed a box containing a slip of paper inscribed with the words "cheer," "hospitality," "hope" and "courage." At the side hangs the original sign, "DRINK FOR THE THIRSTY, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, LODGING FOR THE WEARY, GOOD KEEPING FOR THE HORSES."

The town of Machias, first settled by the French in 1633, is the civic center of Washington County and an important trading community. This lovely County, with its spectacular, rugged coastline and quaint villages, is the farthest east section in the U. S. A. There are hundreds of lakes and streams that afford the fisherman hours of keen sport in a natural wilderness.



AROOSTOOK COUNTY, settled by defenders in the AROOSTOOK WAR, rapidly drew farmers from southern Maine. Due to the special fitness of the soil and climate, potatoes early became a crop of great importance. At the completion of the Aroostook Railroad in 1894, the County attained national significance for its potatoes. Aroostook now raises over 16% of the United States potato crop and accounts for a large part of Maine's entire agricultural output.

This famous County is also a paradise for sportsmen, and the fishing waters in this great Potato Empire are among the finest in the State. Hunters find that the sport obtained is as good as any in the United States. Aroostook has a number of progressive towns and cities, including HOULTON, PRESQUE ISLE and CARIBOU, where tourists find comfort and convenience situated in a countryside of unparalleled beauty.



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